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Young People's Department of the Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church

Constitution

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Sunday-School Missionary Society

156 Fifth Avenue, New York City

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ARTICLE I.

The entire School shall be a Missionary Society.

ARTICLE II.

The object of the Society shall be to train every member of the School into systematic and practical methods of doing work for Missions, and to raise money for the same. The members shall be urged to *earn*, as far as possible, the money contributed.

ARTICLE III.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a general Secretary and a general Treasurer, which officers shall be elected from the Society by the whole School at the Annual Meeting. The Superintendent of the School shall be, *ex-officio*, a member of the Board of Officers.

The Officers of the School shall be a Committee to nominate the Officers of the Society for the annual election.

The Officers and Teachers of the School and the Officers of the Society shall be an *Advisory Committee*, to meet at the call of the President of the Society.

ARTICLE IV.

Each Class shall choose one of their number as a Class Secretary, who shall keep an account of the amount contributed by the class each Sunday, and report the whole amount once every three months.

The money shall be deposited in the general Treasury each Sunday.

ARTICLE V.

The Teacher of each class shall supervise the class work and try to keep the scholars interested in the work of the Society.

ARTICLE VI.

The objects to which the money shall be given shall be voted upon by the whole Society, on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee.

ARTICLE VII.

A meeting of the Society, when reports from the Classes shall be read, and addresses on Missions be made, shall be held *once in three months*, or whenever deemed desirable by the Advisory Committee.

One of these Quarterly Meetings shall be *the Annual Meeting*, when the Annual Reports and this Constitution shall be read, and Officers elected.

The Officers of the Society shall arrange a programme for each meeting.

ARTICLE VIII.

Any person not belonging to the School may become an *honorary member* of the Society by contributing a sum annually, not less than $5.00.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution can be changed by a majority vote at any regular meeting, the proposed *amendment* having been read in the Sunday-School one week before action is taken.

SUGGESTIONS.

This plan and Constitution have been tried with marked success. A letter says: "We desire t each little child, as well as the older schol should feel himself truly a member. Each clas handed a small envelope by the Secretary of School. The class-books being also distribu the envelopes, stamped with the class number, are slipped in at one end of the book and so passed around.

"The class Secretary, one of their own number chosen by themselves, takes the collection, records it in a small blank-book, puts the money in the envelope, and writes the amount upon the same; then puts the envelope into a collection box which hangs upon the front of the desk."

The Treasurer also keeps the accounts with which the books of the class Secretaries are compared quarterly.

At least two of the Officers of the Missionary Association may be ladies. The Teachers and Officers of the S. S. being an Advisory Committee can exert a very helpful influence.

The School should be carefully and thoroughly instructed as to all subjects presented for contributions. An interesting presentation of objects is educational, and enables even the youngest to vote intelligently.

The Bible rules and principles for giving should be also diligently taught, in order to lay good and strong foundations for systematic and proportionate giving.

Further information with regard to this subj may be obtained of the

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